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EXAMINER: Zhou, S.

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated September 13, 2001. A continuation application is being filed under separate cover (Express Mail No.: EL 862123488 US).

Enclosed is a check, which covers the appropriate fee of \$460.00, based on small entity status. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21272-006CIP2 (Formerly 784CIP2). A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- ☒ Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg., in duplicate);
- ☒ Check #12094 in the amount of \$460.00; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 21272-006. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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